(a) the details of various schemes of Government of Maharashtra lying pending with the Union Government for clearance;

(b) the action taken by the Union Government thereon so far; and

(c) the time by which the decision on these schemes is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) to (c) No scheme pertaining to the State of Maharashtra is pending at present with the Planning Commission for its clearance.

Child Labour

37. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI :
SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Authority for abolition of Child Labour has identified the areas in Uttar Pradesh having highest number of cases of Child Labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Union government for abolition and rehabilitation of Child Labour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Clearance to Power Projects

38. SHRI P.C. THOMAS :
SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :
SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether several private and public sector power projects from Kerala are pending for clearance of the Central Electricity Authority;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with capacity and estimated cost of each project;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has sought fuel linkage for setting up of Barge Mounted Power Projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the pending power projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) The Government of Kerala had sought fuel linkage for setting up of Barge Mounted Power Projects to the extent of 500 MW. over and above, their regular allocation. The request had not been accepted.

[Translation]

Infectious Diseases

39. SHRI THAWAR CHAND GEHLOT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of infectious diseases and the number of patients suffering therefrom as on December 31, 1996, as compared to previous year in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether any special drive is being launched by the Government for prevention of infectious diseases and treatment of patients suffering therefrom;

(c) whether any research work is being undertaken for eradication of infectious diseases and for providing medicines of good quality to patients suffering from infectious diseases; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the types of diseases for which research is being undertaken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) No reliable information is available on the infectious diseases. The State-wise details on the basis of report received by the Central Bureau of Health Intelligence about the number of cases of communicable diseases during the year 1996 and 1995 is given in the Statement attached.

(b) to (d) There are several National Programmes for the control of communicable diseases which included AIDS, Malaria, TB, Leprosy, Gunieaworm, Vaccine preventable diseases, diarrhoea, etc. where provision for treatment of patients suffering from these diseases has been made including supply of drugs. At present there are only 3 diseases which are being targetted for eradicate/elimination viz. Leprosy, Polio and Guineworm. ICMR is conducting research in Polio and Leprosy through their own institutions and other research bodies.

STATEMENT

The cases of communicable diseases during 1995-1996

Sl.No.	State/UTs	Cases	
		1995	1996
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15170781	15990002
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	371697	301707
3.	Assam	—	*
4.	Bihar	—	97
5.	Goa	45957	93768
6.	Gujarat	3477553	4676016
7.	Haryana	5856243	6593225
8.	Himachal Pradesh	5290009	5642898
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	5669644	6842604
10.	Karnataka	9533051	10116729
11.	Kerala	11261974	15541946
12.	Madhya Pradesh	7542814	5467613
13.	Maharashtra	12782007	11941459
14.	Manipur	336146	352837
15.	Meghalaya	620288	563809
16.	Mizoram	284630	228884
17.	Nagaland	35549	69645
18.	Orissa	6869842	9231719
19.	Punjab	2861231	3033725
20.	Rajasthan	2547472	2552513
21.	Sikkim	—	6742
22.	Tamil Nadu	3518257	1489421
23.	Tripura	588206	662776
24.	Uttar Pradesh	24546016	27816295
25.	West Bengal	2762754	622
26.	A&N Islands	594610	455510
27.	Chandigarh	—	260
28.	D & N Haveli	273882	305284
29.	Daman & Diu	34451	87678
30.	Delhi	3741361	2763751
31.	Lakshdweep	169962	169339
32.	Pondecherry	4094101	3958394

*Not reported.

[English]

Projects Abandoned

40. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:
SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loss suffered by the Union Government on projects which were abandoned during the years 1994, 1995 and 1996 on which a sum of Rs. one crore or more had already been spent;

(b) the details of such projects on which further work has been stopped during the above period;

(c) whether these projects were sanctioned after proper study regarding their feasibility;

(d) if so, the particulars of those against whom action has been taken/initiated in this regard; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to check such wastage of the scarce resources of the country?